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STRENGTHENING OF THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES OR REGIONS

Burkina Faso, Gabon, Madagascar and South Africa: revised draft resolution

Assistance for the reconstruction of Madagascar following the natural disasters of 1994

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/234 of 14 February 1994,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1994/36 of 29 July 1994 and 1995/43 of 27 July 1995,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General relating to the implementation of resolution 48/234 1/ and in particular the conclusions reached therein,

Noting with concern that, despite the efforts made by the Government of Madagascar and by the international community, in particular the organizations of the United Nations system, the resources mobilized are still inadequate, and that Madagascar remains vulnerable to the impact of natural disasters,

Noting that the implementation of the programmes for disaster prevention and for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the areas affected by natural

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disasters requires the mobilization of substantial resources that are beyond the country's real means,

Noting also that each country has responsibility for natural disaster prevention and that reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts will be enhanced by continuing national development efforts,

Considering that Madagascar's sustainable development requires a long-term capacity to prepare for and prevent disasters and to overcome the residual effects of these repeated climatic phenomena, and recognizing that the assistance provided should take this into account,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General and the international community, the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat and the United Nations Development Programme for the efforts they have made to supplement the action of the Government of Madagascar in the implementation of programmes for disaster prevention and for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the areas and sectors affected by natural disasters;

2. Urges all States and governmental and non-governmental organizations, together with United Nations organizations, programmes and specialized agencies, in particular the international financial institutions, to increase their support to the Government of Madagascar with a view to preventing disasters and mitigating their effects on Madagascar's development process;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize the necessary resources to assist the Government of Madagascar in the reconstruction of Madagascar;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.